Carious Facts About Suicide.

It has been maintained by some writers that suicide increases with the intellectual growth of a people, and is unknown to the avage and uneducated races-in fact, might be used to measure the intellectual capacity of a people. Among the aborigines of this country, Australia, and Africa, suicide is almost unknown. It is also very rare among Mohammedans, Dr. Oppenheim, a distinguished German traveller, and author of a work on Turkey, met with only three cases of suicide during his extensive travels through the Ottoman Empire; and two of these were Christians, the third a renegade Christian. European countries do, indeed, afford some color to the intellectual theory of suicide. Spain, far behind all other European countries in modern progress, shows very few cases of suicide; while among the Italians suicide, which, previous to the late revolution, was a thing almost unknown, has now become, comparatively speaking, quite frequent. This does not surprise us, as it is well known that suicide becomes common after revolutions.

During the great Revolution in France (1789-1800), the number who committed suicide was enormous, especially among the nobility and better classes. When we recollect the torture of the reign of terror, the intense mental suffering caused by the loss of relatives and friends as well as fortune, it becomes easy to account for the frightful increase of suicide. This is equally true, but not to the same extent, of all revolutions. Statisties show the Germans to be the most

suicidal people in Europe; France comes next on the list; England third, while the Irish are the least suicidal people in Europe. The late Professor Graves, of Dublin, many years ago drew attention to the influence of seasons on crime, the periodical recurrence of certain crimes with certain seasons, as well as the greater prevalence of the greatest of crimessuicide-during the summer months, while crimes against property prevailed during th winter and spring. The investigations of Esquirol at the Saltpetriere, and those of other European inquirers, show this statement to be in the main correct. To account for this, many theories have been advanced, a few of which we will mention and discuss in the order in which they are now generally accepted. The physical condition of the air, including the quantity of moisture and drought, terrestrial magnetism, and the electrical condition, tend to react on the mind, render us less capable of resisting immoral influences—which, perhaps, in our own day derive additional support from the theory now generally received that nervous force is an allotropic condition of electricity-as ozone is of oxygen-and a cause, a very frequent cause, of epidemics. Should this theory prove to be correct it will explain a great deal in times past, and afford doctors an excellent opportunity to rid themselves of the bete noir of their profession. Few, if any, now doubt the important part terrestrial magnetism and the electrical condition of the air play in the cause of disease in plants as well as animals. The influence of imitation has also had at all times a wonderful influence in increasing or diminishing the number of suicides, and very many curious facts are adduced to prove the correctness of this statement. It was noticed in England, after the death of the Conservative statesman, Lord Castlereagh, by suicide, that very many persons destroyed themselves in the same way. And in Paris, at the Hotel des Invalides, one of the pensioners committed suicide, and was followed by seven others. The dark corridor was lighted, the post from which the hanging took place removed, when no more suicide took place. In this case, no doubt, imitation was the

principal cause. Among cities, London has by far the largest number of suicides in proportion to pulation; in the Westminster districtand we now copy from English statisticsthe proportion was one in every six thousand three hundred and seventy-nine of the population. A careful study of European statistics shows the curious fact that married men are less liable to commit suicide than single. while the reverse holds good of females, a fact that might be used with some force against those who advocate celibacy. In proportion to the population, suicide is shown to be more common in large cities than in towns or country: but this can be readily accounted for when we recollect that cities are the hiding-places of those who commit crime; and we know the massing together of large numbers of people tends to demoral-ize; also, that, of those who commit suicide, many, coming from the country with bright hopes, meet with disappointment, and end their lives in despair. The statements of French and English writers go to prove that the greatest number of suicides take place in June, July, and August, while November. December, and January have the lowest numbers. A careful study of the statistics published by the city of Boston proves the correctness of this statement. The statistics were first published in 1849, and have been issued annually since, with the exception of the years 1860-'61-in all, nineteen years-but, as there was no distinct registration of males and females till 1854, we have in reality only fourteen years to draw our conclusions from. The register does not furnish us information as to married or single, an omission which prevents us from proving the relative frequency of suicide in the two conditions of life. The number of males was a little less than two-thirds of the whole number; females, a little over one-third. The largest number of suicides occurred in June, one-third more than November; next in order, May and July; the lowest number in February, and next in order December and January. This proves the correctness of Graves statement, and shows it to be some-This proves the correctness of hing more than coincidence. From March the number increased, till it reached the maximum in June, when the ratio began to

The whole number of suicides for fourteen years is: of males, one hundred and twentynine; females, forty-seven; and for nineteen years, inclusive, males and females, two hundred and fourteen. The reports for 1860-'61 are wanting. The latter would be of especial interest, as showing the influence the war had on suicide; but, as the number of men who became soldiers during the first year of the war was comparatively small, we can perhaps draw a truer inference from the reports for the year 1862 and the subsequent years. There is a very perceptible diminution in the number of suicides for the years 1862, 1863, and 1864, compared with the three years preceding the war, showing that the war diminished rather than increased the number, or it may be by diminishing the source from which the main supply came the males. The largest number of suicides in any year was in 1858-the year following the financial panic—when the propor-tion was one to every seven thousand six hundred and eighty-two of the population, and one to every one hundred and eighty-five of the whole number of deaths; the lowest number was in 1853, about one | Market to sumer.

to every eighteen thousand six hundred and eighty-feur of the population, and one in every five hundred and twenty-two of the whole number of deaths. These reports go to prove the incorrectness of English writers, as it is shown that in 1858, when suicide was most frequent, the proportion was one to every seven thousand six hundred and eightytwo of the population; while in London the average proportion was one in every six thousand three hundred and seventy-nine of the population; and almost three times the number for the year 1863, when it reached the lowest number—one to every eighteen thousand six hundred and thirty-four. It shows that suicide is not more common in Boston or New York than in most European cities, and that it has not increased since the close of the late war, as we might expect when such large numbers of men were let loose, whose habits and ways of living were so completely changed by active warfare. -Appleton's Journal.

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of the company. -A Boston plady complains that a sweet-tempered dyspeptic, a little too spiritual for this world, and a little too material for the next, and who, therefore, seems always hovering be tween the two, is the accepted type of female loveliness with men. But at length she exclaims triumphantly that beautiful women, whatever may be said, never find warmer admiration nor more reverent homage than that rendered to them in secret by their own sex.

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MATHERS—MALCOLM,—On the 17th instant, at the residence of Mr. J. D. Kyd, uncle of the bridegroom, by Rev. R. R. Beadle, D. D., of Second Presbyterian Church, Mr. WILLIAM S. MATHERS to Miss ELIZABETH S. MALCOLM, both recently of Arbroath, Scot-

HORMSHD.

Conway, On the 15th instant, John H. Conway, son of the late John and H. A. Conway, aged 21 The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Saturday, the 19th instant, at 2 o'clock, from No. 244 Union street. To proceed to Laurel Hill.

GALLAHER. On the evening of March 16, Mrs. M. A. GALLAHER, wife of the late Dr. William Gallaher, of Mantua, West Philadelphia.

Due notice will be given of the funeral.

Leiman.—On the 15th instant, Margaret, wife of William H. Lehman, in the 45th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family, also Rose of Sharon Lodge, No. 2, Masonic Ladies, and Hiram Temple, No. 16, of the Masonic Tie, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her husband, Main street. Chesnut Hill, on Sunday, the 20th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., without further notice.

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WARDLE,—On Thursday, the 17th instant, RICHARD C. WARDLE.
The relatives and male friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his mother, No. 1585 Spring Garden street, on Monday, the 21st instant, at 10 o'clock. ** WILSON .- On the 16th instant, THEODORE WILSON,

in the 56th year of his age.

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Death of G. C. Verplanck.

Naw YORK, March 18.—Mr. Gulian C. Verplanck, a well-known author, politician, and philanthropist, died at his residence in Fourteenth street this morning, in the eighty-fourth year of his age.

THE COAL TRADE.—The following is the amount of Coal transported on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad during the week ending

Thursday, March 17, 1870:-		
From St. Clair From Port Carbon From Pottsville From Schnylkill Haven From Auburn From Port Clinton From Harrisburg and Dauphin From Allentown and Alburtis	8,957 9 6,407 1,781 5,692 1,066	18 03 03 03 03 10
Anthracite Coal for week Bituminous Coal from Harrisburg and Dauphin for week	35,208 6,918	
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